

### "Urdu as a language of Politeness"

A seminar on Urdu as a Language of Politeness was organized by Department of Urdu in collaboration with IQAC cell of GDC Sopore on 20 March, 2017. The main objective of the programme was to spread the awareness regarding the politeness of Urdu language.

Prof. Peerzada Irshad Ahmad, (Assistant Professor Urdu) deliberated upon the importance of the Urdu language. While stressing upon the importance of the Urdu language, he said that Urdu, also known as Lashkari, is the national language of Pakistan. It is also recognized as one of the 22 official languages approved by the constitution of India.

The name Urdu is derived from the Turkish word "Urdu", which means "army". With over 70 million speakers using it as their first language and more than 100 million people using it as their second, Urdu is one of the most widely spoken languages across the world. Apart from Pakistan and India, Urdu is also used in countries across the Middle East, Bangladesh, Nepal and many other countries around the world where Pakistani communities have settled.

While speaking about the history of Urdu, he said that Urdu came into existence during the 12<sup>th</sup> century when the Indian subcontinents were invaded by Persian and Turkish forces. Later, it was further developed during the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire.

He also argued that Hindi is found to be very closely related to the spoken form of Urdu however, both languages have different influences and scripts. Hindi is influenced by Sanskrit and uses the Devanagari script, whereas Urdu resembles Persian and Arabic and is written with the Nastaliq script.

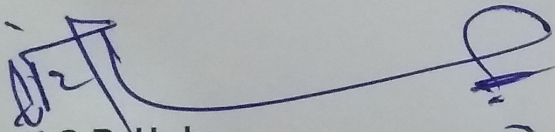
While talking about the polite nature of Urdu language, he said that not only are the words of Urdu pleasant to see, but the sounds of the words are mystical. From using

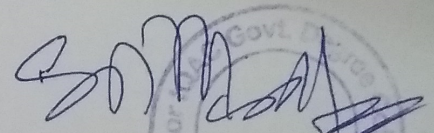
this language to write songs and poems to being used in schools and courts, the grace and class keeps Urdu as one of the most dignified languages in the world.

He said that Urdu's words have an emphasis on politeness and many of the words are used to show respect. These words are mainly used when addressing elders or new acquaintances.

Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, Principal GDC Sopore concluded the event by saying that Urdu is one of the world's most sophisticated and beautiful languages. Poets use it to write poems because of its beauty and grace.



  
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